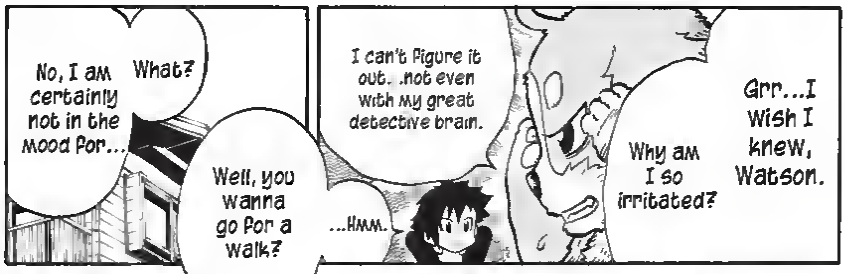
Defending to the Death

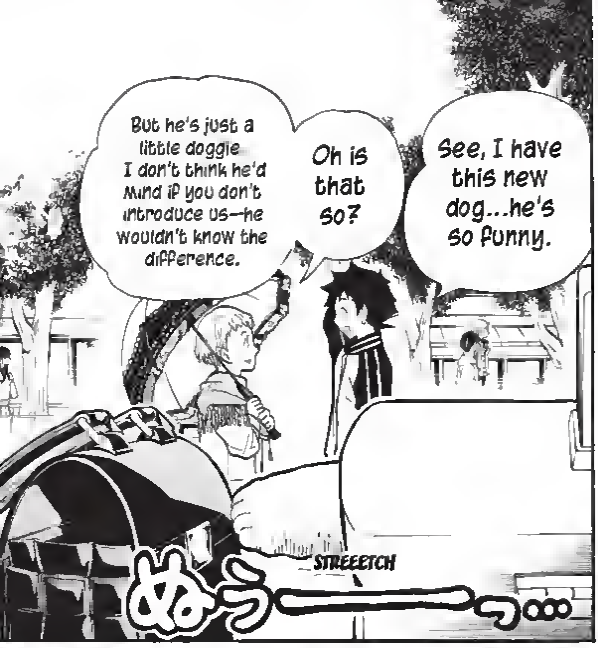

What?
No, I am certainly not in the mood for...
Well, you wanna go for a walk?
I can't figure it out. .not even with my great detective brain.
...Hmm.
Why am I so irritated?
Grr...I wish I knew, Watson.

SHERLOCK BONES

Special 2: Unseen Crime in the Park

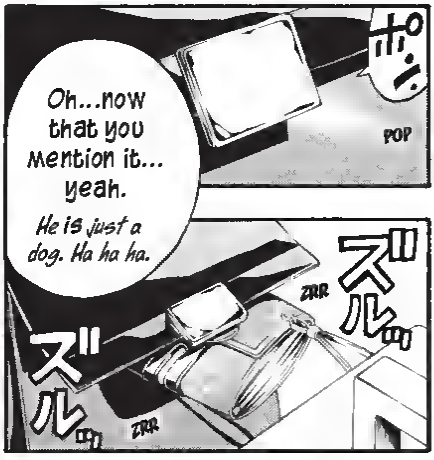
WOOOH
WOOOH
Wah ha ha ha! I feel so carefree!!
It does dampen a man's spirits to stay shut up indoors all day!!
Um, I think that's even more true for a dog.
Like that one.
Just doing his business whenever he feels like it.
MMM
...
GASP
PHOTO!
What?
Well, you know. A dog needs his walkies every morning!
CLANG
ガーン
Is that you, Takeru-kun?
FIDGET
...
Huh?
Now, now, no need to hold it in... I won't watch.
Oh!
I...I refuse. I... could never do something so ungentlemanly. Never...
うずっ
カチカチ
CLACK CLACK

It's good to see you again!
DASH
BOW
How long has it been? Three years?
KAPOP
It is you!
My, my, look how you've grown!
Miki's grandmother!!
I think so.
RUMBLE
...
...Huh?
Oh, right! This is my dog...

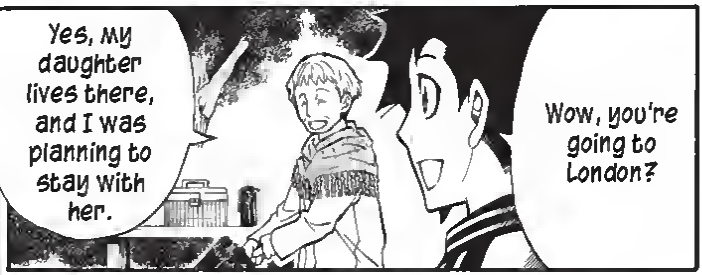

But he's just a little doggie. I don't think he'd mind if you don't introduce us—he wouldn't know the difference.
Oh is that so?
See, I have this new dog...he's so funny.
STREEETCH
ぬう〜〜〜っ

Hey! Sherdog!
...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
That's weird. Where did he go?

...!!
CLUNK


Oh...now that you mention it... yeah.
He is just a dog. Ha ha ha.
POP
ZRR
ZRR

So I'm on my way to see Miki today...
KAPOP


Yes, my daughter lives there, and I was planning to stay with her.
Wow, you're going to London?

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RUMBLE
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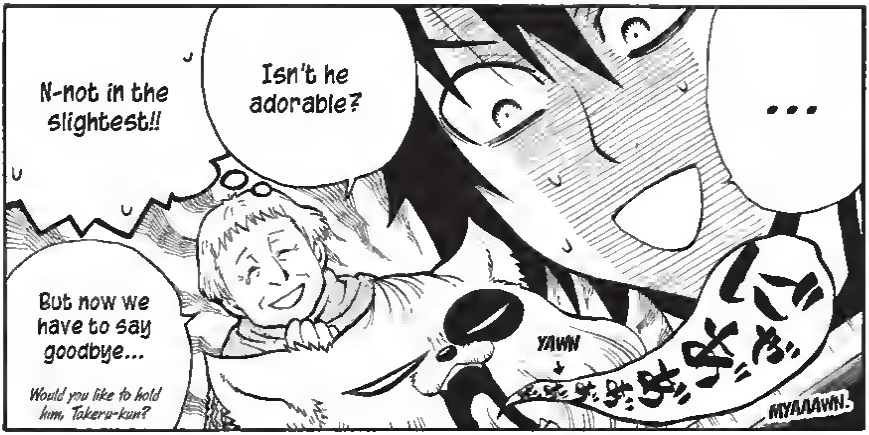
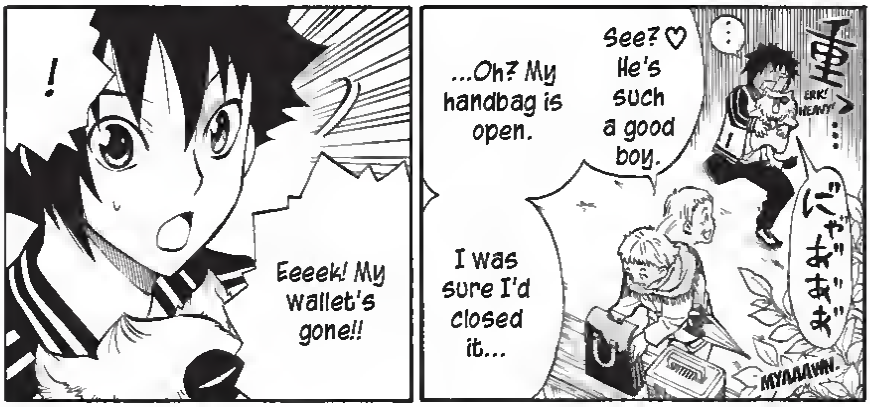
...and leave this little guy at his new home.


N-not in the slightest!!
Isn't he adorable?
...
But now we have to say goodbye...
Would you like to hold him, Takeru-kun?
YAWN
MYAAAWN.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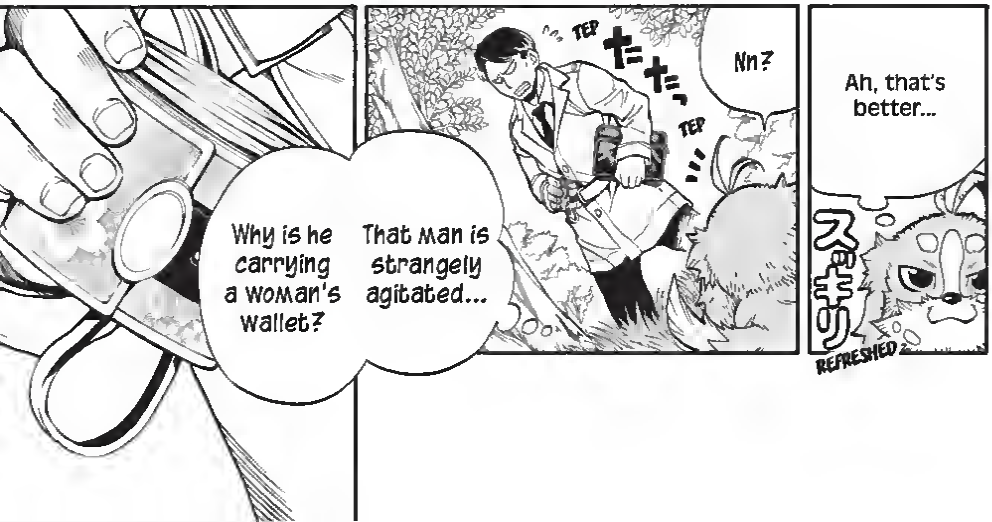
Eeeek! My wallet's gone!!
...Oh? My handbag is open.
See? ♡ He's such a good boy.
I was sure I'd closed it...
ERK! HEAVY!
MYAAAWN.


Why is he carrying a woman's wallet?
That man is strangely agitated...
TEP
Nn?
Ah, that's better...
REFRESHED

!
MURMUR
Her wallet's been stolen!
Someone help! I've been robbed!
MURMUR
It was only a minute ago! The thief might still be in the park!!
MURMUR

He's still standing there!!
SNEAK SNEAK
There he is!

GLANCE
GLANCE
It must have been that man!

!
CHOMP
ARF
Watson! Over here!
YEOWCH!

Sir! Did you take a red wallet from the bag that was sitting on the bench!?!
I-I don't know what you're talking about!!
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
...
Good work, Sherdog!
I thought dogs were color blind!
I saw this man carrying a rather feminine red wallet a moment ago!
ARF
ARF
TMP
ざわ
MURMUR
Wh-what's this dog's problem?!!
ARF
MURMUR
ざわ
GASP
にゃーっ
MEOW
That cat!
...

Takeru! What's going on?
Oh! Dad!
TWEET
...And we think this is the guy that did it.
...
Miki's grandma's wallet got stolen.
AW, CRUD! MY DOG WAS THE ONLY WITNESS!!
Uh...
Because...
You think he did it? Why?
Then you won't mind if we search you.
Please do.
It wasn't me, Officer. I don't have it.

I checked his clothes and his bag, and there's nothing resembling a woman's wallet...
...!
Hmm...it's not here.
CRINGE
CRINGE
たじたじ
YOU GOT IT WRONG, SHERDOG!
Don't look away from me!
...
Huh? Um, I just...
You can't just go around accusing random strangers of crimes!!
See, I told you!!
Okay...
!
Of course!
And he most likely...
Calm down, Watson. I know what I saw.
He is the thief!!

...What?
You hid it somewhere when you heard the scream, didn't you?
Hey! What are you muttering about...

and we caught up with you over here.
...

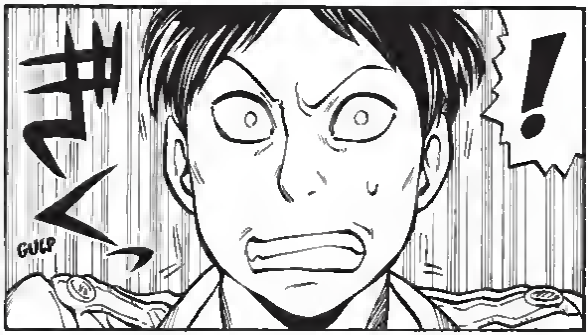
The bench with the handbag is over there...

There are plenty of places inbetween
where you could have hidden it.

You could hide something in that instrument shelter.
Or in that bird house...
He didn't hide it in any of those, Dad.
He'd need a key to open the instrument shelter.
And there's no way he could stick his hand in a bird house without attracting attention.
...
...I see.
...Then he could have buried it in a garbage can, or the sandbox...
O...oh, right.
No, it would be too hard to get it back later.
People would wonder about a grown man digging around in the trash can or playing in the sandbox.
ARF!
Hmmmm... then where in the world...
There's only one logical place.
BAM
Only one place it would look totally normal for him to get the hidden wallet back from.
And that's...

The vending machine!!
There.

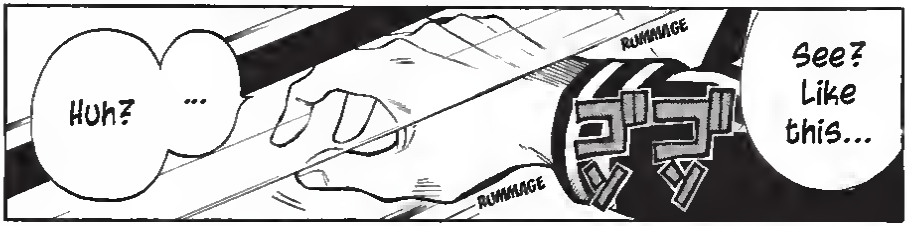
He casually goes to buy himself a drink, and while he's at it...
After you search him and prove his innocence,
TMP


GULP

NOD
NOD
NOD

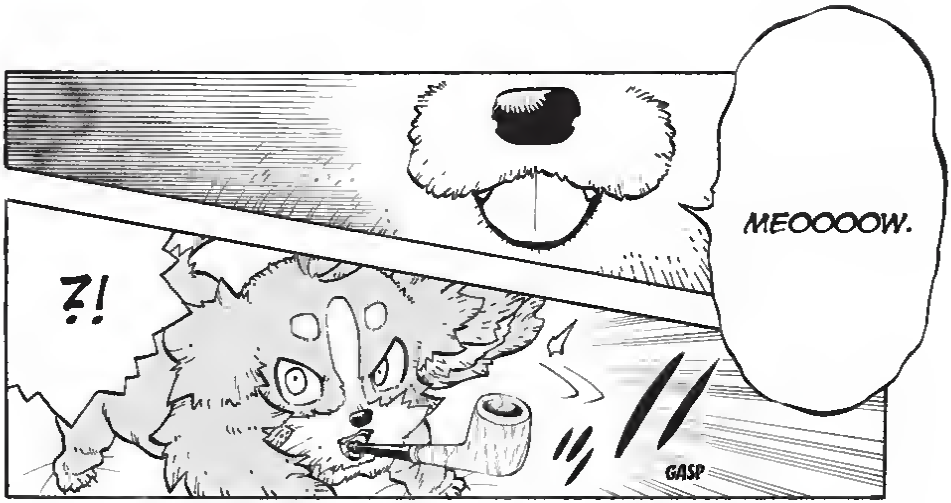
Huh?!

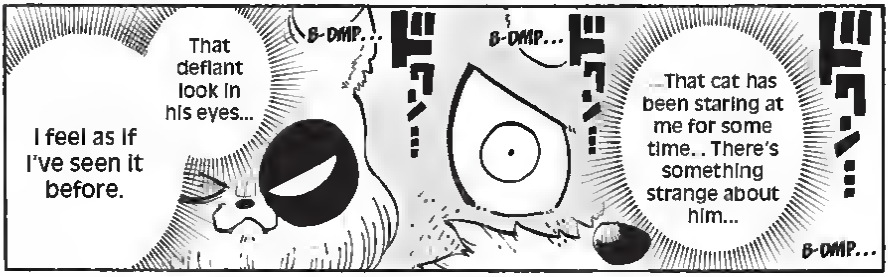
He reaches over to get the wallet he left inconspicuously in the corner.
That was how he planned to get the wallet back without anyone noticing.
Aaaaa hhh!
Ah...


Huh? ...
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
See? Like this...

ARF!
It's not here... That's weird.
That's odd. There shouldn't be any other hiding places...
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
So did he do it or not?
What the heck?
Wh... Why?

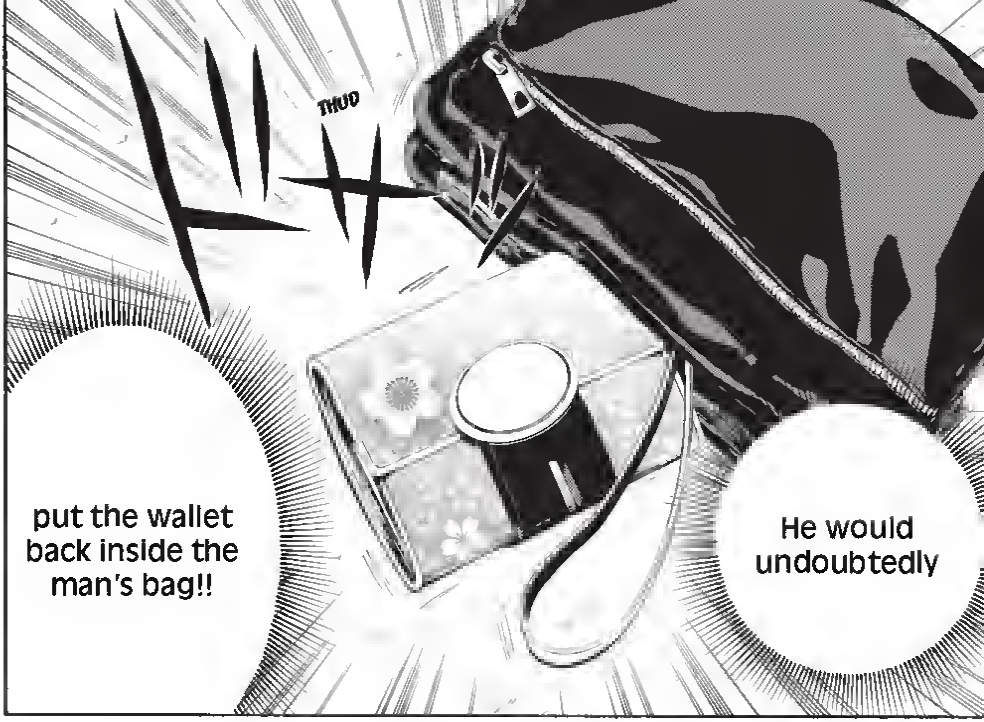
Huh?
It's not here!

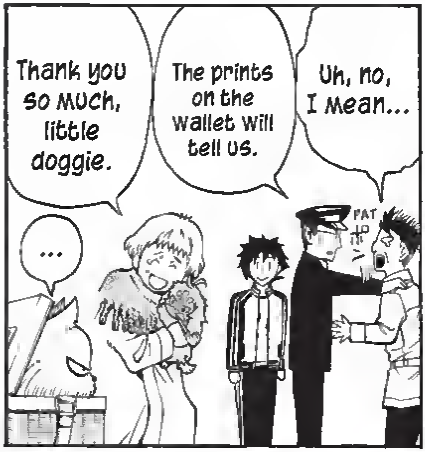

MEOOOOW.
?!
GASP

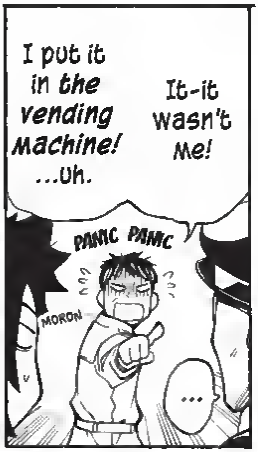

I feel as if I've seen it before.
That defiant look in his eyes...
B-DMP...
B-DMP...
...That cat has been staring at me for some time.. There's something strange about him...
B-DMP...

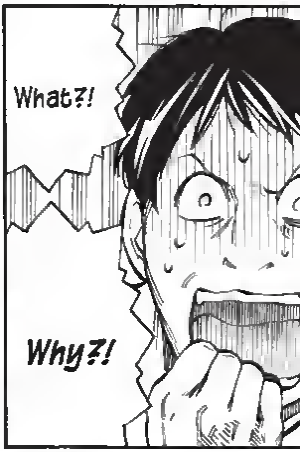
CHILL...
It can't be!!
No...

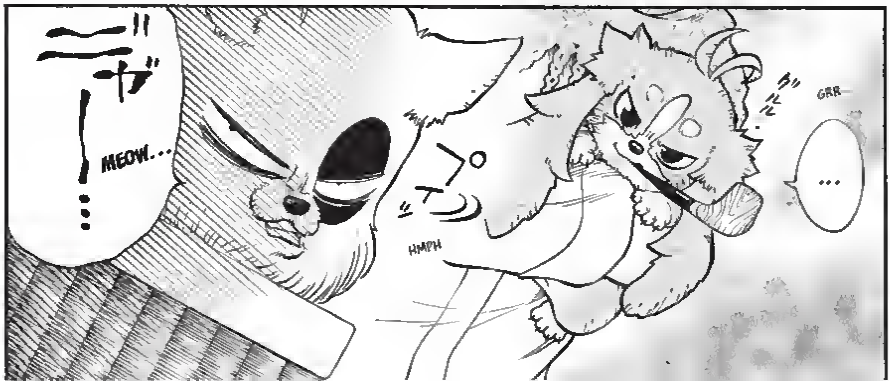
he would deduce
If it is **him**,
If my hunch is correct,
If...
Hey! Sherdog!
TMP
would check the same place twice.
that no one
Ergo...
BAM!
Huh?
Arf arf!


THUD
put the wallet back inside the man's bag!!
He would undoubtedly

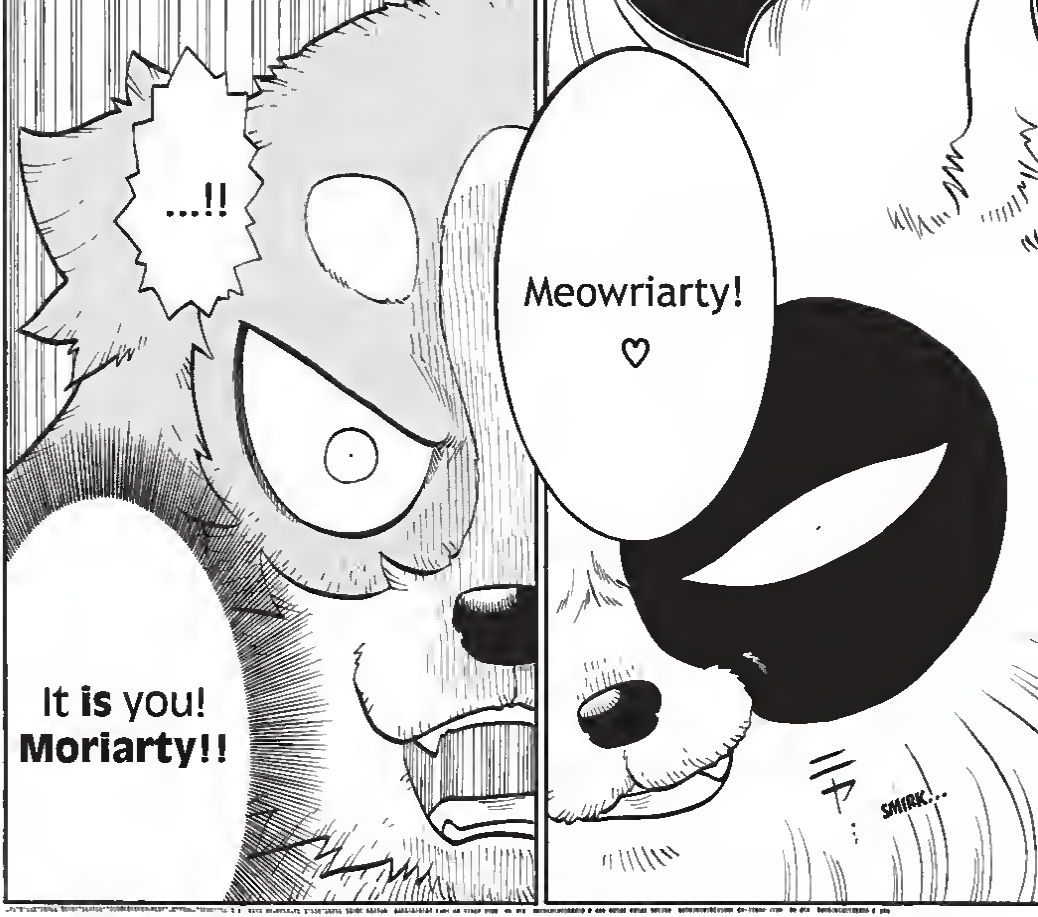

Thank you so much, little doggie.
The prints on the wallet will tell us.
Uh, no, I mean...
...
PAT


I put it in the vending machine! ...Uh.
It-it wasn't me!
PANIC PANIC
MORON
...


What?!
Why?!


MEOW...
HMPH
GRR
...

Wow, what an adventure.
Arisaka
Thank you so much
GRIN
for helping my grandma, Takeru!!
Of course, then I wouldn't have to leave my little kitty.
SQUEEEEZE
...
My passport was in that wallet.
IF I lost it, then I wouldn't be able to go to England.
POFF
I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, SHERDOG.
Aww, it was nothing.
So we can't rule out the possibility..
STARE
That the cat was the mastermind behind it all!!
Judging from what the lady tells us,
I imagine, his motive was to prevent her from going overseas.
Take good care of him, Miki.
It can't be... It can't be, it can't be, it can't be!!
Tee hee hee! I'M happy to have you...

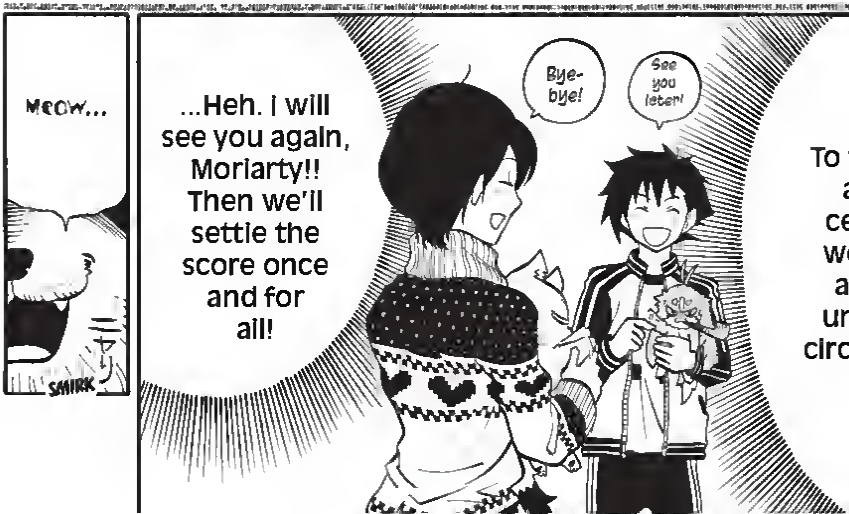


Holmes Trivia
~James Moriarty~

The criminal mastermind said to be Holmes's greatest rival.

To the general public, he is a retired math professor, but in the underworld he is the head of a massive criminal organization.

He never dirties his own hands, but accomplishes crime by controlling others.


MEOW...
SMIRK
...Heh. I will see you again, Moriarty!! Then we'll settle the score once and for all!
Bye-bye!
See you later!
To think, after an entire century, we would meet again, and under these circumstances.

Your eyes are closed.
Pfft!
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